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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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Examiner: M. Alvo

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For: ASSISTANT FOR DIGESTING LIGNOCELLULOSE MATERIAL AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING PULP

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 2, 2004

Sir:

Further to Applicants' June 10, 2004 Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111,  
please amend the above-identified application as shown in the pages that follow.